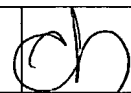


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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/05/2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 4-20.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on 1 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. In response to the Amendment received on December 05, 2003, the examiner has carefully considered the amendments. The examiner acknowledges the cancellation of claims 2-3 and the addition of dependent claims 6-20. The claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph for claim 4 has been overcome by the applicant's arguments, which states that the "substance" in claim 4 is a two-phase system comprising a fluorinated polymer and the resulting polymer obtained by curing the monomer component in the instant claim 4. Therefore the rejection under 35 USC 112 has hereby been withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed December 05, 2003, with respect to claims 1-20 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Maruno et al (5,068,261 and 5,204,378) and JP 4-237055 A has been withdrawn. The rejection of claims 1-2 under 35 USC 102(b) and under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Moore et al (6,005,137) and Moore et al (6,288,226) has been withdrawn. The rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Hamada et al (5,693,382) in view of Moore et al (6,005,137) has been withdrawn. The prior art made of record fails to expressly teach and/or fairly suggest an adhesive as defined by the instant application. The prior art teaching using fluorinated acrylic adhesive for bonding pellicle frames and film, however the prior art fails to teach a two-phased system comprising a fluorinated polymer comprising the units defined by the claims and another fluorinated polymer obtained by radiation curing the monomers as defined by the claims in the presence of said fluorinated polymer.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1 and 4-20 are allowed.

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4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the primary reasons for allowance is the combination of a fluorinated polymer having the structural units defined by the instant claims and an ultraviolet curable monomer selected from those listed in the instant claims, which results in a two-phased fluorinated adhesive system.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanza L McClendon whose telephone number is (571) 272-1074. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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